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Letter dated 24 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the special communiqué (see annex) adopted by the countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America — Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) on 19 April 2014 rejecting the illegal actions of the Government of the United States of America in establishing a "Cuban Twitter", designed to provoke instability in the Republic of Cuba, under the coordination, funding and implementation of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

To that end, on behalf of the States members of the Alliance, I request you to arrange for the special communiqué to be circulated as a General Assembly document, under agenda item 55.

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Special communiqué

Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America — Peoples' Trade Treaty

The countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America — Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) have noted with concern the alarming revelations made by the United States press agency the Associated Press (AP) concerning the secret establishment of a "Cuban Twitter" to provoke instability in the Republic of Cuba, a project that has been planned, funded and implemented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); all this has been confirmed by spokespersons for the White House and the State Department and by the Administrator of USAID himself during a senate hearing in the United States and has been rejected by sectors of that society.

ALBA-TCP denounces this latest subversive, interventionist and illegal project against our peoples, which has all the characteristics of a covert operation and has been carried out in flagrant violation of international law and of Cuba's national sovereignty, since it has the deliberate objective of creating destabilizing situations in order to provoke the overthrow of Cuba's political, economic and social system. It also notes that international regulations concerning the use of unsolicited messages (spam) and the privacy of personal information and communications have been infringed since the project is based on the illegal capture of data from Cuban users and the mass transmission of short message service (SMS) messages to their cellular telephones, without their knowledge or prior consent.

The Alliance firmly denounces the use of the new information and communications technologies to establish a platform for the purpose of supplying illicit telecommunications services to Cuba from abroad, which has been carried out through the use of an extensive network of private contractors, shell companies, computer servers and bank accounts in various countries in order to conceal the direct participation of United States government agencies in this activity.

ALBA-TCP, which is aware of similar actions against other legitimate and democratically elected Governments of its member States, demands the immediate cessation of these illegal and immoral practices, stresses that international cooperation is the only way to ensure the peaceful and legitimate use of the new information and communications technologies for the benefit of the development and well-being of the peoples, stands in solidarity with the sister Republic of Cuba and firmly condemns this latest subversive operation while at the same time looking forward to cooperation on the part of the countries whose territories have been used illegally by USAID to carry out aggression against Cuba.

Caracas, 19 April 2014